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SUBJECT: CHARTER 77 ASSAILS CZECHOSLOVAK LABOR PRACTICES

REFS A. PRAGUE 1183 B. PRAGUE 1063

1. RELEASE OF LATEST CHARTER 77 DOCUMENT BEARING ON CZECHOSLOVAK
REGIME'S USE OF DISMISSALS FROM WORK AS A POLITICAL WEAPON

AGAINST DISSIDENTS, WAS, IN OUR OPINION, TIMED PERIMARILY TO COINCIDE WITH OPENING OF 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, AND NOT, AS PAUL HOFFMAN SURMISED IN HIS JUNE 9 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, WITH START OF BELGRADE PREPARATORY TALKS ON CSCE.

2. THIS SKILLFULLY DRAFTED EIGHT-PAGE LETTER, DATED MAY 30 AND ADDRESSED TO THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, BEARS THE NAMES OF JIRI HAJEK AND TEN OTHERS. IT ALLEGES THAT CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES HAVE CONTRAVENED CZECHOSLOVAK CONSTITUTION AND LABOR CODE AS WELL AS ILO NORMS ACCEPTED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY USING DISMISSALS FROM WORK AS A FORM OF POLITICAL PUNISHMENT. LETTER SPECIFICALLY DISPUTES CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE TO 60TH ILO, WHO ALLEGEDLY CLAIMED CSSR MET ILO STANDARDS REGARDING DISMISSAL FROM WORK FOR POLITICAL REASONS. CAREFUL LEGAL ARGUMENT IS BUTTRESSED BY LENGTHY DOCUMENTATION OF NUMEROUS CASES, SAID TO TOTAL 81. IN CONCLUSION, AUTHORS STATE INTENTION TO PUBLICIZE FUTURE CASES AND CALL UPON FEDERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVESTIGATE ILLEGALITIES COMMITTED RECENTLY AND IN PAST. THEY FURTHER CHALLENGE ASSEMBLY TO RULE ON WHETHER RELEVANT ARTICLES OF CZECHOSLOVAK LABOR CODE OR GENERAL PROSECUTOR'S "OPINION" UNDER WHICH ZDENEK MLYNAR'S DISMISSAL RECENTLY UPHELD (REF B) IS CORRECT AND LEGALLY BINDING.

3. CZECH TEXT AND EMBASSY TRANSLATION BEING POUCHED
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